

**MINUTES OF THE PROCEEDINGS  
OF THE ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY OF THE CITY OF JORDAN  
IN THE COUNTY OF SCOTT  
March 19, 2019**

Present: Joe Thill, Tanya Velishek, Amanda Schuh and Ryan Dahnert  
Absent: Dr. Chuck Cook, Ray Sandey and Ron Jabs  
Also Present: Tom Nikunen, City Administrator

1.0 CALL TO ORDER

Vice Chair Ryan Dahnert called the meeting to order at 6:35 p.m.

2.0 ADOPT AGENDA

Motion by Thill to adopt the agenda, second by Velishek. Vote all ayes. Motion approved.

3.0 APPROVAL OF MINUTES

A. February 20, 2019

Motion by Thill, second by Velishek, to approve the minutes of February 20, 2019. Vote all ayes. Motion approved.

4.0 NEW BUSINESS

A. Mousse Sparkling Wine Co. – Downtown Matching Grant, Building Code Grant and Commercial Kitchen Loan Request.

Nikunen introduced the business plan for Mousse Sparkling Wine Co. and its owners Josie Boyle and Micah Lennox. Then the EDA went through each application separately first starting with the Downtown Matching Grant.

The grant application is for \$10,000 of the estimated \$25,477 of improvements including an ADA ramp, patio pavement, ADA door and ADA hand rail. The improvements were approved by the Planning Commission last week.

The Building Code grant application was for \$5,000 of the estimated \$11,000 project to install two ADA bathrooms required by the State Building Code.

The Commercial Kitchen Loan application was for \$50,000 of the estimated \$184,947.83 in equipment. The amount broke down is as follows: \$138,628 for winery equipment, \$19,840.72 for tasting room/bar equipment, \$17,953 for mechanical equipment and \$8,529.11 for prep kitchen equipment. Dahnert asked if this business were to leave, will we be able to attract another similar

business to fill its spot? Consensus was that it was a specialized business but there is some potential that a bar, brewery or wine bar could use most of the equipment and improvements. Dahnert are there any safe guards to the loan to protect the EDA funds? Can we get a lien on the real property? Yes, the applicants are willing to agree to a lien against the property to cover the loan against default. The EDA then discussed the equipment list in detail while asking numerous questions of the applicants on what each piece of equipment's purpose was. Mr. Lennox answered all the questions to the EDA satisfaction. It was also discussed that this type of business was in our Downtown Master Vision as a generator of spin-offs and more business growth to help make our downtown more vibrant.

Motion to approve the Matching Grant Application by Velishek, second by Schuh. Vote all ayes.

Motion to approve the Building Code Grant Application by Velishek, second by Thill. Vote all ayes.

Motion by Velishek, second by Schuh, to approve the Commercial Kitchen Loan Application as presented. Vote all ayes. Motion approved.

The items will go to the City Council on April 1<sup>st</sup> for final approval. The applicants indicated they plan to close on the buildings with a letter of award from the City referencing the two grants and the loan. After they close on the property they will sign the lien and Commercial Kitchen Loan. The owners expect the business to open in around the end of November. Velishek says Welcome to Jordan we can't wait to see you open.

## 5.0 OLD BUSINESS

A. Discussion of Combining with Area Chambers. Thill commented that we should look to Shakopee because their chamber is thriving and Angie does a great job for them. Dahnert asked if we could get Cheryl Hawkins at our next meeting? Velishek or do we look to New Prague or Belle Plaine as a natural combination partner with our business community? Also can we do a coffee hour as an EDA to bring this up with the businesses? Thill it was one of the main benefits from our past chamber to get the coffee hour networking. Dahnert will speak to Mike Franklin and see if they can be at our next meeting to discuss the issue. Schuh asked if people ask for a chamber right now? Nikunen stated yes once in while we get someone that wants to know if we have a chamber. There was more discussion on if businesses are getting what they need from a typical chamber from the commercial club already. Consensus was that the EDA will discuss this further at one of its next meetings if Dahnert can speak to Mike Franklin and Nikunen will speak to Cheryl Hawkins to pursue the subject further.

## 7.0 MANAGEMENT REPORT

### A. General Management Updates

A short discussion was had on any new businesses and any other items of interest.

### B. Next Meeting- April 10, 2019

8.0 CITY COUNCIL MEMBER UPDATE

9.0 COMMISSIONER MEMBER REPORT

10.0 ADJOURNMENT

Motion by Velishek to adjourn, second by Schuh. Vote all ayes. Motion approved. Meeting adjourned at 7:40 p.m.

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Tanya Velishek, Mayor

ATTEST:

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Tom Nikunen  
City Administrator